Criteria for Selection of Growth Centre

4757. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria formulated for the selection of Industrial Growth Centre;

(b) the facilities proposed to be made available to the entrepreneurs;

(c) whether any priority is given to SC/ST; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). The criteria followed for selection of Growth Centres under the new scheme, are locations away from cities, proximity to District/Sub-Divisional headquarters and access to basic infrastructural facilities like National/State highways, railroads, Power, Water supply, telecommunication, health and educational institutions. These Growth Centres would be provided with adequate infrastructural facilities like power, water, telecommunications and banking.

(c) and (d). The Growth Centres are open to all entrepreneurs including those of SC/ST.

[*Translation*]

Setting up of a Sugar Mill in Pupri (Bihar)

4758. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI: Will the MINISTER OF FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a sugar mill in co-operative sector in Pupri, a backward area, in district Sitamarhi in Bihar;

(b) whether a survey in this regard was conducted or proposed to be conducted; and

(c) if so, by what time and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c). Proposals for setting up of new sugar factories in any specific area/location have to come from entrepreneurs The Central Government does not initiate any proposals in this regard.

Ministry of Food has received an application through the Department of Industrial Development for grant of a Letter of Intent to M/s. Indo-Euro Industries Ltd., for establishment of a new sugar factory at Teh./ Block Tariani, Distt. Sitamarhi, Bihar.

The licensing policy guidelines are presently being reviewed by the Government. All the pending applications, including the above application of Bihar, would be considered after the aforesaid review.

[*English*]

Stagnation in FCI

4759. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the MINISTER OF FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is massive stagnation in regard to promotion prospects of employees in Categories, II, III and IV of the Food Corporation of India; if so, whether the stagnation is at its most serious form in the South Zone;